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AGENDA ITEM: Mental Health Funding and Policy Implications -- Pre- and Post-MHSA: CMHDA Perspective

ENCLOSURES:

- Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission Work Plan January, 2007 through June, 2008, adopted 11-17-06
- OAC Supplantation/Maintenance of Effort Workgroup Summary Report, March 2007
- Motions at a Glance Supplantation/Maintenance of Effort Workgroup

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

ISSUE:

How does Mental Health Services Act funding fit into the larger picture of mental health funding as a whole?

An intimate understanding of this question is required in order to begin to look at the larger picture of mental health financing, in general. The enclosed "Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission Work Plan" describes oversight of the Mental Health Services Fund as one of the MHSOAC's four key strategies to fulfill its roles and responsibilities and achieve its mission.

Leveraging resources is one of the suggested policies to promote system transformation and increase capacity. Suggested activities include the following:

- (1) Explore the use of Medicaid waivers and other strategies to increase emphasis on service transformation while maintaining compliance with the federal Center for Mental Health Services (CMS)
- (2) Explore the alignment of mental health funding streams with the funding streams of other state departments that provide support, care, education, and/or treatment to Californians with mental illness
- (3) Explore how to maximize funding related to mental health with private foundations

The Commission also appointed a Supplantation and Maintenance of Effort workgroup last Spring which brought back a series of recommendations to the Commission regarding possible supplantation and maintenance of effort threats to the MHSA. Enclosed for your information are the "OAC Supplantation/Maintenance of Effort Workgroup Summary Report," March 2007, and the "Motions at a Glance Supplantation/Maintenance of Effort Workgroup" from the March 2007 meeting. These documents provide an overview of the activities of the Workgroup.

In order for the Commission to be informed and prepared to make decisions in the area of mental health funding we will be bringing a series of informational presentations to the Commission designed to provide an in-depth understanding of mental health funding. We are also convening our Mental Health Funding Technical Resource Group and this material will help set a foundation for understanding the recommendations that will be coming forward from this group.